Honorable Louis Stokes
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

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Dear Congressman Stokes:

The Department of Justice has initiated its review of the Report of the Select Committee on Assassinations of the U. S. House of Representatives. We regret the delay in commencing review of the Committee's findings, which delay was caused by the Department's inability to obtain a complete copy of the Committee's report. We expect to proceed promptly now that all necessary materials are in our possession.

I have disseminated copies of the report to the appropriate units of the Department for review. Attorneys in the Legal Divisions involved are also in the process of reviewing FBI reports which were prepared in support of the Committee's investigation.

I have requested that the FBI conduct further, limited investigation into several aspects of the assassination of President Kennedy. These investigative tasks stem from FBI investigations initiated during the Committee's existence.

I have sought recommendations from the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Central Intelligence Agency regarding procedures for arranging the further review of acoustical materials which relate to the investigation of the assassination of President Kennedy. I have also solicited from those agencies all other information or recommendations which they are able to provide relating to physical evidence in this matter. The

concept of conducting further acoustical analysis, as proposed by the Committee, is fully supported by the Department. It is envisioned that the cooperation of the National Science Foundation will be utilized to arrange independent scientific review of the acoustical evidence. Your previous efforts in arranging National Science Foundation involvement in this regard are greatly appreciated.

It is also envisioned that several other investigative tasks will be conducted at Department request pursuant to the findings and recommendations of the Committee in its final report.

I will continue to advise you of the results of Department activity relating to the work of the Select Committee on Assassinations. Your comments or recommendations regarding any aspect of this matter would be appreciated.

Sincerely,

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cc: Honorable Richardson Preyer
Honorable Walter E. Fauntroy